

# What's New in the MPDC

APRIL 8, 2002

## DEFIBRILLATORS NOW AT DISTRICTS

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According to the medical experts, it has been determined that the first minutes of a heart attack (no pulse, no breathing) is the weakest link when it comes to saving a life. By using a defibrillator during these crucial minutes, it is possible to render more effective first aid. To assist in this effort, the MPDC has acquired 29 Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) and trained 838 members to use the device. The AED's have been distributed throughout the city and checked out by certified members at their respective units. The defibrillators shall be taken out on patrol as often as possible and dispatchers will be notified that an AED is on board. If a squad car equipped with a defibrillator is the first responder at a scene where an individual needs resuscitation, the AED will be used.

*As with any medical emergency, call 9-1-1 for immediate attention. Get information on when to call the emergency and non-emergency numbers, as well as local hotlines at: [mpdc.dc.gov/info/phone/phone.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/phone/phone.shtm)*

## MPDC THIRD ANNUAL CAREER EXPOSITION TO BE HELD AT CONVENTION CENTER

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*Get more information about becoming a police officer today. Detailed information, including an application are available at:*

**[mpdc.qc.dc.gov/about/employ/officer.shtm](http://mpdc.qc.dc.gov/about/employ/officer.shtm)**

On April 27, 2002, the MPDC will hold its Third Annual Career Expo at the Washington Convention Center from 9 am – 5 pm. Get information about becoming a police officer, take the written test – the first step in applying – and visit a number of display and information booths set up by various units in the MPDC. These specialized units will display such items as the new Hazardous

Materials truck, the armored personnel carrier, a harbor patrol boat, K-9 information, the MPDC Command Bus, and much more. Individuals who take the test at the Convention Center may then take an MPDC shuttle bus to the Maurice T. Turner Jr., Institute of Police Science (IPS) and take a physical ability test. Please be sure to dress appropriately (or bring gym clothes) for this test, as activities include an obstacle course, dummy drag, barricade duck and fence climb. Get more information at:

*Several civilian positions currently posted on our Web site. Get details at: [mpdc.qc.dc.gov/about/employ/civilian.shtm](http://mpdc.qc.dc.gov/about/employ/civilian.shtm)*

**[mpdc.dc.gov/about/employ/careerexpo02.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/about/employ/careerexpo02.shtm)**

## WITH MANY CARS STOLEN DURING EARLY MORNING, MPDC ANNOUNCES WATCH YOUR CAR PROGRAM

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*For more information or to request a Watch Your Car application form, call 1-877-DC2-STOP. Applications are now being accepted on-line on the Watch Your Car Web site:*

***[mpdc.dc.gov/serv/programs/wyc.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/serv/programs/wyc.shtm)***

Statistics show that 34 percent of stolen vehicles in DC are taken between 1 am and 5 am, and many more are driven during those hours. In response to this serious problem, Chief Ramsey – joined by Ward 6 Councilmember Sharon Ambrose, Metro Police Chief Barry McDevitt and other local and federal officials – officially kicked off DC's new Watch Your Car anti-theft program outside the Eastern Market Metro station. The

free, voluntary program allows people who do not normally drive their vehicles between the hours of 1 am and 5 am to receive decals, which they place on their front and rear windshields. When police officers see a Watch Your Car vehicle traveling during those hours, the officers will stop the car and investigate. Metro is actively participating in Watch Your Car, as its police department works to reduce the number of auto thefts in and around its stations. Other partners include the DC Department of Motor Vehicles and two Northwest car dealerships: Martens Volvo and Volkswagen and Curtis Chevrolet. Read the news release announcing the program at:

**[mpdc.dc.gov](http://mpdc.dc.gov) (Click on News Room)**

## BOATING SAFETY COURSES OFFERED

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As the weather warms up, the MPDC's Harbor Patrol reminds DC area boaters of the importance of boating safety laws and procedures. Beginning next week, the Harbor Patrol will hold Boating Safety Courses designed to educate boaters of the legal requirements, navigational rules, safety equipment, risks of boating accidents, and other issues pertaining to safe boating. Anyone operating a vessel on DC waterways is required to have a Boating Safety Certificate, which is issued to individuals who successfully complete the four-day Boating Safety Course. For a complete schedule of Boating Safety Courses, or to register, call the Harbor Patrol at 202-727-4582, or go on the MPDC Web site at:

*Get complete information on boating safety in DC, including legal and equipment requirements, as well as a calendar of upcoming events, by logging on to the Harbor Patrol's page:*

***[mpdc.dc.gov/info/season/harborpatrol.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/season/harborpatrol.shtm)***

**[mpdc.dc.gov/info/season/harborclasses\\_02.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/season/harborclasses_02.shtm)**

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*Information, ideas or comments about this service?*

*E-mail Kevin Morison, MPDC's Director of Corporate Communications, at [kevin.morison@dc.gov](mailto:kevin.morison@dc.gov).*

*Would you like to have this information emailed to you? Just go to our web site and register with [crimereports.com](http://crimereports.com).*

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